

**COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS
STATE OF TEXAS**

On this the 1st day of February, 2016 the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Marble Falls, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 12:00 Noon at the City Council Chambers located at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas, with notice of meeting giving the time, place, date and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dave Rhodes	Chair
	Charles Watkins	Commissioner
	Leta Stevenson-Smith	Commissioner
	Josh Parker	Commissioner
	Steve Manley	Commissioner
	Jane Knapik	Special Cemetery Board Member

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Mark McCary	Vice-Chair
	Kendra Lewis	Commissioner

<u>CITY STAFF PRESENT:</u>	Robert Moss	Parks & Recreation Director
	Lewis Fincher	Superintendent of Parks
	Mike Hodge	City Manager
	Mark Whitacre	Police Chief
	Monique Breaux	PARD Administrative Assistant

VISITORS: Jennifer Fierro (The Picayune)

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT.** Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
2. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.**

MFPD Park Incident Report. Chief Whitacre handed out a copy of the 2014-2015 parks incident report. He gave a detailed overview of how many times officers were called out to the parks; the types of incidents occurring; and the different city ordinances that were violated. Some violations included dogs off the leash, fishing off the docks, and curfew violations. Chief Whitacre went on to say that the police department has done everything to curb narcotics use in the parks; and that we have a great community with great officers.

3. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.** None.
4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING AND ANY SPECIAL MEETING HELD SUBSEQUENTLY AND THEIR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT.**

- **January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting.** Commissioner Stevenson-Smith motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Update on Proposed Mike Fry Memorial Format. Director Moss gave the Commissioners an update on the proposed Mike Fry memorial location and plaque format. He handed out examples and stated that a photo may be used on the plaque. The various pictures showed different areas along the Johnson Park boat ramps.

Spring Break 2016 Discussion. Spring Break will be an ongoing agenda topic until March. Director Moss handed out a copy of the tentative event schedule and proposed t-shirt design. Commissioner Stevenson-Smith requested again that each Commissioner attend at least one event in 2016. She also gave additional activity suggestions for the different events. Spring Break will take place Monday through Thursday this year with multiple events going on simultaneously. We will also utilize social media to host a photo contest.

Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliation. Director Moss reminded the Commissioners of when he and Commissioner Watkins attended a Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) informational in January 2015. It has been recommended in the new Comp Plan that the City should join Keep Texas Beautiful. The City of Burnet is already a member. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be used as the non-profit organization with bylaws that can charter a Marble Falls chapter. KTB affiliates must participate in a service project at least once per year. Director Moss has requested that the Commission participate in the City wide litter pick up on April 1, 2016. This project can count towards the annual KTB requirements; and will feature volunteer support from both LCRA and City employees.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Park Projects. Director Moss showed pictures of the restroom in Falls Creek Park. Crew members are working to get a temporary restroom up and running in order to accommodate traffic from the weekly Farmer's Market and the Skate Park. A permanent, unisex ADA compliant restroom will be installed in the near future.

Operations and Maintenance. The maintenance crew is currently focusing on tree trimming in the parks and along the trails; and painting the park shade structures an auburn color. The crew also assisted the Boys and Girls Club with wall repairs and painting. Director Moss announced that Johnson Park is 2016 winner of the Lone Star Legacy Award; and that the award will be officially given to the City at the TRAPS Conference in March. There are now 29 parks in the entire state with this distinction. Chair Rhodes suggested hosting the April 2016 meeting along with an official press conference in Johnson Park.

Director Moss will be going before the EDC on Wednesday, February 3rd to request a match in funding to put together a downtown parks master plan. The purpose is to identify the parks in this corridor before the upcoming downtown developments take place. Director Moss reminded the Commissioners that reappointments will be read at the second February 2016 City Council meeting. He also stated that the City has partnered with the YMCA again for the upcoming pool season; and the same agreement from 2015 will be utilized.


- 7. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.** Commissioner Parker announced his resignation from the board. Commissioner Stevenson-Smith requested that a washer pitching pit and volleyball court be added to Westside Park.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Parker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevenson-Smith. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 5-0.

ATTEST:



Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant

Dave Rhodes, Chair